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EDITORIAL

On First, Fourth & Fifth Pages

NOTES AND COMMENTS

WE rejoice with Bro. J. F. Hailey and the dear Shuqualak people in their good meeting. It was our privilege to hold several such during our pastorate there, and we shall always rejoice in their prosperity.

THE news of revivals from all parts is greatly gratifying. The Lord be praised for his abundant grace to his saints in using them and His Word in the salvation of so many souls. Brethren, don't hesitate to send us reports of all your good meetings; the people love that kind of reading.

AMONG the most cheering messages that come to us in these days of harsh judgement and misrepresentation, is the assurance that many of the best brethren and sisters in the State are praying for us. For this we humbly thank God and take courage.

BRO. S. W. SIBLEY reports that Dr. Venable, who is off on a brief vacation, is with him at McComb City, and that they are having a good meeting. May the Lord grant his servants a great victory over the forces of evil. We are glad to hear that our associate is so well along on the up-grade to health.

CHEERING news comes to us from many quarters, that many brethren are subscribing for THE RECORD who will pay with their first new crop money. Well done, beloved, let the good work go on, and we will all be happy together. Our list is steadily growing, and with a good cash remembrance. Many thanks.

OUR Texas brethren are having what seems to be a sort of three cornered fight just now, to wit, the gospel missionaries, the Burleson restorers, and the re-trenchment reform hustlers, all "ferment" the Convention board runners. If it was anything new for Texas Baptists to fight, it would be alarming and discouraging; but since that seems to be their normal condition, and their history shows remarkable increasing growth and progress, why may we not think of it as God's way, and that he is thus making the wrath of men to praise him.

ASSOCIATIONAL WORK.

Our Associations are beginning now to meet. The Lord's work was never more pressing upon them. The time has not been in years when our people needed more to stand together for the gift of the gospel to the people at home and abroad. While our churches are, and must ever be, the conservators of the truth, and make honest and earnest "contention for the faith once delivered to the saints," they must also "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," or send. They must find the men whom God has called to the work and send them. The church that feels and takes no interest in the salvation of the lost people of the nations, cannot have much of the faith that saves, for that is the faith that

works by love and purifies the heart." It is to be hoped that all of our churches will be represented in the Associations by members who will take an earnest interest in the matters for which the Associations were organized—missions, all manner of them, and education, and devise ways and means for even a more general and vigorous prosecution of those enterprises.

The showing at our late Convention as to mission work sustained and done, was most encouraging in that it was not only in excess of any former year, but that it was more than had been planned for or expected.

Much of this was no doubt the outcome of plans laid and work done by the Associations since the previous Convention met. Now, since the time has come for more work like that, let our people go in and not only duplicate, but largely improve upon, the last year. THE BAPTIST RECORD was in it then, and is in it for all it is worth now, to be used by all earnest workers who will avail themselves of its columns to advocate any and all of the claims of our Boards and secretaries, agents, missionaries, pastors, and others, especially the sisters. We would be glad to have our columns full of arguments, pleas and suggestions concerning the work of the denomination, even to the exclusion of other matter; for we believe that while not a little depends upon maintaining sound doctrine, very much of the help in our church life lies along the line of practical church and mission work. Do, brethren, don't hesitate to use our columns freely, remembering that one of the most important things in all of our work is correct information.

Now, in addition to all this, we want to ask our brethren to give us a lift as to THE RECORD. It will be impossible for us to attend all of the Associations, or to be represented by general agents, and we would be glad if some one or more of our brethren, where no agent appears, would make it a special point to represent THE RECORD, and speak and work for it in collecting dues and taking new subscribers. We will be glad to make good any expense incurred, and also to remunerate them satisfactorily for their services. Brethren Venable, Rowe, Foster,

Long, Farish, and the Senior will be in the field, but we cannot reach all of the Associations; hence the above request. Now, brethren, let us all go to work and make this Association season one of the fullest and most effective of them all.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING.

Our fifth Sunday meeting at Mt. Gilead, seven miles north-east of Meridian, was a good one—a real Baptist meeting after the old-fashioned sort. The people were there on Saturday en masse, and dinner enough for all and to spare. Two sermons had been provided for in the program—one on Saturday, on a special subject by Dr. Venable, and the other, at large, on Sunday, by THE RECORD Senior. Dr. V. being "on the rocks for repairs," and the other RECORD man being compelled to be elsewhere on Sunday, both sermons were combined in one, as were the preachers, constructively, and the readers of THE RECORD may know that there was a large, long and unanimous thing that happened—largely of range, long drawn out, and unanimous relief when it was over and dinner announced.

Well, the afternoon exercises were varied enough. The subject for discussion, as previously announced, was, "Does Regeneration Precede Repentance and Faith? or Does Repentance and Faith Precede Regeneration?" After several hours of old-style meditation, with a dash of analysis of what had been brought out. To our mind it appeared about after this fashion:

1. That regeneration comes as a result of repentance and faith, and is the same as conversion; that there is no such thing as total depravity and moral disability, but that man, being a free moral agent, and addressed as an intelligent and accountable being by the Word, has, and must have, the moral ability in himself to receive the Word, repent, believe, and be regenerated.

2. That repentance and faith come after regeneration, or the divine enabling, and results in conversion. Man being totally depraved and without moral ability to exercise the gifts of repentance and faith without said "divine gift of life."

There was no decision rendered either by moderator or vote, but judging from the standpoint of hearsay and one's own private opinion, the latter theory seemed to have much the largest support.

Now, as we have mentioned no names, nor in any way positioned any one, of course no one can find fault with us, except it be that we have not, in his opinion, made a correct showing of the discussions and conclusions. But is it not singular that Baptists in the same Association and community, can differ so widely on one of the essential doctrines of the New Testament, and yet neither accuse the other of being heretics?

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DOCTRINES.

Here is a statement of the views of Christian doctrine of a certain man of some note whose complete orthodoxy some people call in question? We would like to know who can guess its author, or who will point out its unsoundness?

1. Regeneration: A change of nature; a new heart from God.
2. Repentance: A change of mind; a new mind about God.
3. Justification: A change of character; new standing before God.
4. Conversion: A change of life; new life for God.
5. Adoption: A change of family; new relationship toward God.
6. Sanctification: A change of service; separation unto God.
7. Glorification: A change of place; new condition with God.

IS BAPTISM ESSENTIAL?

If baptism is essential to salvation either as an act of obedience or a sacrament, then it is most highly important that we know exactly what it is, and how and by whom it should be administered, in order to make sure of our salvation. If obedience to Christ our Savior is essential to Christian duty and loyalty, and if baptism be essential to that obedience, then it is no less highly important that we know exactly what it is, and how and by whom it should be administered, in order to make sure of our salvation.

"If a man love me, he will keep my words." We regret to have to note a shortage in our paper last week. Our pressman was laid up for repairs and an unskilled assistant had to run the paper through the press and folder. The result was that several hundred copies were too badly spoiled to go in the mail. We hope to make it up to our subscribers, and that such a thing may not occur again.

Our paper has lately made radiant for the last two weeks by the presence of a dear young friend from San Antonio, Texas, Miss Roxie Brockway. She and our Mary were heart and life chums when we were pastor in the old Alamo City, and her father and mother were among our best helpers and supporters. It was a joy to have the dear child with us, for somehow "Roxie" and Mary will never be separated. Her stay was altogether too short to talk over the people and times since we were in the midst of them. It was very much like a visit back to have her tell of her people at home, and the many others whom memory refuses to relegate to the shades of forgetfulness. Miss Roxie had been to the New York Chautauqua, and availed herself of the rare and excellent facilities for musical training, and proved herself to be a mistress of that divine art. She has our best wishes for a successful and distinguished career in her chosen profession. Our thoughts went away with her this morning, to commune amid the familiar scenes and with the loved friends for awhile in the home and its environments to which she went. May heaven's benedictions be upon them all.

OUR FIELD GLASS.

Rev. A. B. Hicks, Bellefontaine, Miss., writes: "I have held three precious meetings with my churches, Bethel, Bluff Springs and Philadelphia. Baptized twenty-two, received by letter four, restored two, and one is awaiting baptism. I begin our meeting at Fellowship to-morrow. Pray for us. Bro. W. P. Winter helped me in the meetings at Bethel and Philadelphia churches, and preached the gospel with great power, and much good work was done. God bless you more and more as the years go by." "Thank you, beloved. May blessings ever rest upon you." Rev. J. W. Sturdivant, Senatobia, writes: "My meetings are all over except Tyro; that will be the second Sunday in September. Had good meetings at Bethel and Union. I hope to do some work for the Orphanage in a few weeks. The trouble in my work has been the scarcity of money; but the farmers will have some soon. Bro. Woodruff assisted me at New Hope and did some good preaching. His health has improved and he is growing stronger as a preacher." We are glad to hear from Bro. Sturdivant, and trust he will write oftener of his work. Since leaving the Orphanage, Mrs. Mollie D. Hunter has become Mrs. J. W. Echols, of Senatobia. May the lives of both of these friends be prolonged for many

happy. In our last notes we merely referred to Bro. Leavell's meeting at Madison. He continued through the week, doing all the preaching himself. The Lord blessed his labors, and eight were added to the church by baptism and several by letter. Bro. Leavell speaks of this as one of the most delightful meetings he ever passed through. We rejoice with him. On Friday, the fourth, we began a meeting with the Pelahatchie church, doing the preaching, or trying to do it, six sermons up to Monday night. Bro. Leavell came to us Monday night and preached eight of the best sermons we have ever heard from him. The people came out and gave earnest heed, greatly enjoying the services. We continued until Friday night (yesterday) when the yellow fever scare and the possibility of quarantine restrictions seemed to indicate the prudence of closing. One bright young lady united with the church and was baptized this (Saturday) morning at half past six o'clock. An excellent brother and his wife joined by letter, and could the meeting have continued, other good might have been accomplished. These Pelahatchie saints are most excellent people. It was a disappointment that Deacon Langmire was too unwell to attend the greater part of the meeting. The congregation hardly seems itself when he is absent. But we left him this morning almost himself again. We have now twelve children in the Orphanage, but as the numbers increase the contributions also increase, so that we have been able so far to feed and clothe the children without a coat of indebtedness. For this we are profoundly grateful.

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CHRONICLES.

L. A. D.

A pressure of other matters crowded out part of our Chroni- cles last week. It is, in order, therefore, to complete them in this issue; so will do so as a be- ginning.

Although the congregations had been large, that on Sunday was far beyond the capacity of the house. The Chroni- cles had marked attention to his black- board lecture; and Prof. Stone, who followed with an able ser- mon, captured the audience. Even after dinner the house was full, and listened with interest to Eld. A. J. Rogers. There were no night services, except at Winchester, where Bro. Rogers preached again.

After an early breakfast at Bro. Powe's, we were taken to the depot in ample time for the train, and were at "home again" before noon. Our stay at Bro. Powe's was very pleasant. The Chroni- cles is under obligations, too, to Pastor Tucker for many attentions. We pray God's bless- ings upon the protracted meet- ing which began Monday, Eld. W. J. David to help therein. It is hoped that one of the benefits of the meeting will be the reor- ganization of the Sunday School.

Among the old friends whom the Chroni- cles met at Mt. Zion were Bro. Joe Davis and some members of his family. They have lived in Buckatanna for many years—his daughter, Mrs. Shoemaker, was a member of the First Baptist church Sunday School, this city, nearly thirty years ago, and has never forgot- ten her old superintendent. The little children of those days are now in middle life, and it is sur- prising how many different places former scholars of the old Sunday School are found.

Temporally things are look- ing up in Meridian. Notwith- standing continued building, there are not enough houses for rent to meet the demand. It is rare to find a vacant residence. Spiritually there is a good deal of work of one sort or another. Our Methodist friends are push- ing their Epworth Leagues, and they are getting Baptists to help them. The Cumberland Presby- terians and the Disciples press the Christian Endeavors, and the Presbyterians their Young People's organization. We Bat- tists are doing something, but slowly, except Fifteenth Avenue.

Lord's Day services were held in most of our churches. Dr. Venable having gone to Cooper's Well, his pulpit was filled by Rev. C. T. Kinnannon. Pastor David having returned from Mt. Zion, where he had a grand meeting, supplied for himself. Pastor Gavin, preached for his people in the morning, but being anxious about a sick child, left for home in the afternoon. Pas- tor Rogers was booked for the dedication sermon at Waynes- boro. The meeting at Immanuel church closed Wednesday night with a baptism.

The Chroni- cles is glad to an- nounce that Stone College will be re-opened about the first of October. Arrangements for transportation will be satisfac- tory. Meridian was never more healthy, and a strict quarantine will keep the yellow fever away, even if it spreads out from the coast. There seems to be little danger of its spreading.

It appears that some phase of the "holiness" doctrine is giving trouble to the Southern Presby-

terians. Our Methodist friends have been greatly bothered therewith for some time, and the Baptists are still having a considerable share. It is a mat- ter that causes divisions, the scriptures say what is to be done. For one, the Chroni- cles is grieved beyond measure at the results. He cannot think that the Holy Spirit does an imper- fect work, and has to make a supplement.

Judgments of the early close of the dispensation of the Holy Spirit are remarkable. The in- crease of "knowledge" is multi- plying the "isms"; and hence there is a great "falling away" from the true faith. Men are professing to be wiser than "it is written," and some are giving the scriptures "private interpre- tation." Bible baptism is gain- ing ground, however, as is evi- dent from noted evangelists yielding obedience to the ordi- nance, but in the Christian world at large "the love of many is waxing cold."

God does his work once for all; man may not fully realize his blessings except as the Holy Spirit gives him more and more light; hence, consecration and a "restoration of the joy of salva- tion." When "saved," we are saved indeed; but not to sinless- ness in the flesh. We are "sanctified" to the service of the Lord. How there can be a "new" work of grace, some of us cannot un- derstand—surely it must be but a clearer revelation of the truth; not a so-called "second bless- ing," as it may have been pre- ceded by a hundred.

This is a departure, as is usual with the Chroni- cles. We Bat- tists are a "peculiar people"—peculiar in our faith, peculiar in our practices, and peculiar in our indifference to many important duties and obligations. Because we are 4,000,000 strong in the United States, we seem to think that is great enough. But other sects are also growing; the Lutherans claim nearly a million and a half; the Presbyterians over a million, and the Episco- pals about the same, and rapidly increasing. Methodism is ahead of us in some things; especially in "the grace of giv- ing."

In Australia the Baptists have raised \$326,636 as a fund for a training school for church lay- men and building, education and ministers aid. What are we do- ing? Again, the American Bat- tist Missionary Union—our brethren North—have 97 mis- sion stations in foreign lands; 1,026 out-stations; 452 mission- aries; 1,105 native preachers; 590 Bible women; 853 churches; 99,564 native members. Add to this the work of the Southern Baptist Convention, and it will be seen what we are doing.

A letter from Bro. B. H. Basky gives the gratifying intelligence that there is a Sunday School being organized at near Vir- gear Bend, Ala. Next we want to hear of the reorganization of that at Mt. Zion, Wayne county, Miss. By the way, a new church was constituted at Georgetown chapel last Sunday; its name, Seventh Avenue Baptist church; pastor, Eld. J. T. Graham. Rev. C. T. Kinnannon again supplied for Dr. Venable in the morning—no night meeting. Other ser- vices as usual.

Spokes, Rims, Hubs, Springs, Shafts, Poles, Wheels, and Tires for Buggies, Hacks, Wagons.

W. G. Casteel, 2014 Fourth street.

A COUNCIL CALLED.

Resolutions of Zion Hill Church

Whereas, There is wide spread discussion of the doc- trinal teaching of our pastor, M. T. Martin, on account of which it is feared by wise preth- ren that discord and division in the denomination may be the re- sult; and

Whereas, It has been sug- gested in the columns of our State paper, that we, "as a church, own it to the denomina- tion to call a council to investi- gate and pass upon his teach- ings, that his standing before the denomination may be settled in an orderly way; therefore,

Resolved, That we invite the pastors with whom he has held meetings in Mississippi since his stay in Texas; also, the pas- tors with whom he held meet- ings before he went to Texas, who have heard him preach since his return, to act as coun- cil; and that we request the churches of which these brethren are members, to send them to sit as members of such coun- cil; and that, in addition to these, for special reasons, we invite Dr. R. A. Venable, of THE BAPTIST RECORD, and Dr. J. L. Johnson, of THE Baptist Layman, to sit as members of the council.

Resolved, That for the op- venience of the council, we ask our sister church at Summit to entertain the council.

Resolved, That inasmuch as we do not feel able to pay the traveling expenses of all these brethren, we modestly and kindly ask the churches to de- fray the expenses of their mes- sengers.

Resolved, That the deacons of this church be appointed to at- tend the council and represent our church and report to us the result.

Resolved, That Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 9 a. m. be set as the time for the meeting of the council.

Resolved, That THE BAPTIST RECORD be requested to publish these resolutions.

J. H. JONES, Moderator pro tem.

W. R. JACOBS, Clerk.

Where is Dr. J. L. Johnson?

DEAR RECORD:—Can you tell us what has become of one J. L. Johnson, the ambitious leader of Baptist ecclesiasticism in Mis- sissippi? He seems to have gone into hiding, and a certain "open letter" appeared in his paper. He affects to have no other an- swer than his previous utter- ances; and yet his previous re- marks are about as relevant to this last review of Eld. S. M. Ellis as his editorial on mob law is to the punishment of crime in general.

Bro. Johnson will have to dis- cuss the questions brought out in that paper, or the just criti- cism of his important public will be that he can not answer them; and therefore [will not attempt it].

Those who are striking back in his stead fail to grasp the great subject, and quite as much reveal their judgment for deal- ing with matters in controversy by their arrogance and unbrotherly spirit.

It is to be hoped that no one will offer a reply to these pious, sweet-spirited tirades which have lately appeared in THE LAYMAN. Let Brethren Johnson and Ellis have the right of way in the discussion. Either one is an adversary worthy of the other, in this sphere at least. But it must be a lame cause that resort must be had to abus-

ive slang. Let us have our Bat- tist polity discussed by those who do not have to come to that kind of writing, when the issue involves an adherence to, or a departure from, the good old ways in which our fathers trod. Come out from your hiding, Bro. Johnson.

FAIR PLAY.

(We wish we could answer "Fair Play's" question as to where the good Doctor is at. The last we saw of him he was play- ing his old trade of striking and running.—Eds.)

The Biblical Recorder of North Carolina has yielded to the pres- sure and reduced its price from \$2 per annum to \$1.50. They say that this is below cost, and insist that it cannot be main- tained unless the Baptists of the State give them "5,000 sub- scribers. Now, let Mississippi Baptists take a lot of this to themselves and bear in mind that we have done the same thing in reducing our subscrip- tion price to \$1.50, and also that it costs about as much to get out THE RECORD as it does THE Bi- blical Recorder. Then, call to mind that if you wait for an agent, which it was understood you would not do, that we have to pay the com- mission, and not you, and that would make it a great tax and burden upon us. Now, brethren, will you not send up your dues at once? Do, if you please, and help us in our time of need. "As ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them."

Notes From McComb.

The yellow fever excitement runs high. A new case is de- veloped almost every day—I mean imaginary cases, for as yet, here, yellow fever is non-ex- istent. Our church has been engaged in a meeting of days, assisted by Bro. R. A. Venable. He did good preaching. The Lord was with us. The church was greatly revived, and five were baptiz- ed. No high pressure methods were employed. Down here, we have no confidence in the flesh—the gospel is God's power.

Sister Rosa Jackson departed this life early on the first day of the week, to be present with the Lord. We will miss her in our walks here, but we have strong hope that we will meet her again. May the Holy Spirit com- fort her in her journey.

We all love THE RECORD and are greatly edited by its weekly visits. Make it better, if you can, and we will help you.

PASTOR.

(With the Lord's help we will.—Eds.)

From Africa.

DEAR BROTHER:—You will be glad to hear that I baptized seven converts yesterday morn- ing, after preaching by Bro. Lumbray. There were consider- ably more than one hundred per- sons present, and we had an en- joyable and profitable meeting.

Five of those baptized were from the Sunday School. We had large and attentive crowds at our various preaching places in the streets and elsewhere. While we have not seen the fruit of this kind of work, we trust good seed has been sown in good ground. Brethren Winn and Lumbray visited Ilorin last week, but the king would not allow them to preach, nor to stop more than three days, and then gave them such poor quarters that they came away

the next day after reaching there. Pray for our work.

C. E. SMITH,

Ogbonoso, West Africa, July 10, 1897.

W. W. Jones, of Port Huron, Mich., Immigration Agent of the Queen & Crescent Route, is pre- paring to advertise in a very practical manner, the lands, at- tractions, opportunities and ad- vantages to be found along the line of the road he represents. He has procured a fine double lens dissolving view, stereopti- can, which will throw a picture across a street, and magnify it nearly one hundred times its ac- tual size. A first class photog- rapher has been engaged to go down Sept. 1st, to take land- scapes, views of the country, old plantation homes, improvements, crops, timber, orchards, etc. These will be transferred into stereopticon and stereoptic views, and exhibited at country fairs, in towns and villages by a good lecturer, who will explain the pictures, show samples of soils, fruits, grasses, etc., and endeavor to organize colonies. He will also distribute literature containing lists, prices, terms and special rates for immigrants, movables, etc.

It has been found that many more would go South to look at the country, if they could take with them, their wife or son. By this plan it is hoped to bring to them, as far as possible, actual views of properties. After see- ing the photograph, it is only necessary for one of the family or neighbors to go down, to look over these properties, and verify the representations, after which all have practically seen them.

Arrangements are being made by which two hundred local agents will keep headquarters advised as to persons liable to move out of each locality, or of those who might be interest- ed in Southern investments. These agents will be supplied with stereoptic views for their use and reference.

Mr. Hart, the photographer, will remain South about two or three months, and will take a large number of views in the rolling prairie district in the vicinities of Barnett, Lake, For- est and Lawrence, Miss.

Those desiring to have their properties placed in this adver- tising plan, should address W. W. Jones, at Lake, Miss., until Sept. 20th, after that at Port Huron, Michigan.

Nearly forty million period- icals published by the American Baptist Publication Society were sold last year, and orders for more are constantly coming in. These periodicals are so graded as to supply each teacher and scholar with all needed helps to the study of the Sunday School lessons. It is because they are the best that they have the endorsement of THE CHICAGO HERALD says: "The periodicals of the American Baptist Publi- cation Society constantly im- prove."

DEAR RECORD:—On account of the prevailing sickness, and the consequent alarm for fear of yellow fever all along the coast, I write to ask you to say in your next issue, that the time of the meeting of the Gulf Coast Asso- ciation may have to be postponed. If so, definite notice will be given in your issue of Sept. 23, so that brethren may N. B. and govern themselves accordingly.

Fraternally,

J. J. W. MATHEIS,

Handsboro, Miss., Sept. 10, '97.

O. L. Halley in Mississippi.

I suppose I may be excused for discussing the coming and going of my brother among us. However, if any think differ- ently, they may read and pass on.

His coming meant much to my people, and to me. It means more to them now. Many of them had never seen him, but had read after him as "Uncle Orren," and as the man who skinned one L. Carley, for both of which reasons they were anxious to hear him, and to know him. They were looking for no ordinary man. Them- selves being judges, they were not disappointed, except such as were looking for a man of "hop- ings and thorns." Some reminded one of the old woman who went to the wharf to see George IV. land when he took a barge ride down the Thames River one day. Never having seen the king, she was looking for some one of wonderful appearance. When everybody had gotten ashore, she stared at the gangway for awhile, and then said to a bystander, "I don't see the king; where is he?" "There he is," said the man, pointing. "Why that's nothing but a man!" said the old lady.

He was with me twenty-six days, preaching more than sixty times. The people, both in Shuquak and Crawford, de- cided that he is the "biggest" preacher that was ever in the town. Sister Lagrone said, "Yes, he is a good preacher, but we know what our brother Halley is." Every one was ready to say when he went away, their expectations were fully met. His statements are so transparent that one would be ready to say, at first thought, that there was not much in what he said; but an after thought would show that the chaff had been winnowed out, and the wheat made ready for assimila- tion.

We were at a great disadvan- tage at Crawford because of the rain. Almost everybody in, and around the place, is in fellow- ship with some denomination, so we did not expect much as to numbers. Dr. Perkins and wife joined by letter. The Doctor is well up in his profession, and is a well informed man, while his wife is an intelligent, affable young woman, niece of Dr. Har- rington. Representative of Lowndes county I am expect- ing much of these.

In Shuquak, we were con- fronted by a hand-to-hand fight with the whiskey traffic known as the conscienceless, man-de- vouring, non-ocular "blind tiger." As usual, the old harlot of Rome had her imp's aligned with the blood-letting vampire that lives on the blood-money of the country. In spite of it all we had fifteen for baptism last Sunday. I think that is a fair power for good in the new con- verts, as well as among the older members. Both Shuquak and Crawford have been put on a higher plane. As to myself, I was never in so good plight for work.

J. F. HAILEY.

Take Notice

That the Kosciusko Baptist Association will convene with Samaria church, seven miles southwest of Kosciusko, on Fri- day, before the third Sunday, (the 15th day of October, 1897), instead of October 8th, as errone- ously printed in our minutes.

J. P. BROWN, Mod.

Kosciusko, Miss.

Query.

DEAR BRO. SAMPLE:—Please answer for me at once the follow- ing questions:

1. By whom and when was the Campbellite or "Christian—so- called—church" set up?

2. What are the differences between the Campbellites and the regular Missionary Baptists? Please answer at once.

Yours truly,

T. J. MILEY.

ANSWER.

1. According to the Standard Dictionary of the English lan- guage, the Campbellite church originated in Pennsylvania, A. D. 1809, in connection with the labors of Thomas and Alexander Campbell.

2. They claim to hold to Chris- tian union on the basis of the Bible alone, rejecting Creeds. About the only point of agree- ment between the Campbellites and Missionary Baptists is the act of baptism. They, the Camp- bellites, hold that regeneration takes place in the act of baptism. Their view of repentance amounts to mere reformation. They seem to ignore a work of the Holy Spirit in faith, making it a simple act of the mind in be- lief of the truth, historical be- lief. That men may believe just as they are, without the birth of the Spirit, which of course is purely an act of the mind. Under such a system, the hope of salvation rests in works. And of course they believe in apos- tasy. Write to Baptist Book Con- cern and get Melburn on Camp- bellism—Price, 25c.

J. R. SAMPLE.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, Muldrow, Oktibbeha Co., Miss., Sept. 1, 1897, Mr. James W. Norment and Miss Susie E. Kennedy, Rev. M. V. Noffsinger officiating.

May a kind providence attend their every step in life's journey, and bless their labors with the peaceable fruits of righteous- ness.

It was the writer's privilege on yesterday evening, to unite in marriage Mr. Albert Renfro and Miss Lillian L. Beasley, of Wesson, Miss.

Your brother,

R. H. PURSER,

Wesson, Miss., Sept. 6, 1897.

On August 25, 1897, in the handsomely decorated Baptist church at Cherry Creek, Miss., by Pastor R. A. Cooper, Mr. J. M. Pritchard and Miss Manie McDowell, both of Pontotoc county. The groom has been elected principal of the Thaxton High School—the bride, former- ly assistant at Cherry Creek, will assist him. Little promises fair, and the wishes of friends are large and many.

DEAR RECORD:—Will you be so kind as to permit me to sug- gest to all the messengers and visitors to the late Baptist Con- vention at Grenada, who, in any way by word or deed, hurt the feelings of each other dur- ing the meeting of said body, that it would be a good thing to exchange apologies; and when they meet again, either before or at the next Convention, to speak to and act toward each other as though nothing had happened to mar their peace, or to cause the joy-bells to ring less sweetly in their souls.

Fraternally,

J. R. FAIRIE.

Fair River Meeting.

We have just closed a good meeting of nine days duration, beauti- ful and splendid school with old Fair River church. Our plant, and so convenient with beloved pastor, Dr. E. P. Douglass, did some excellent preaching the first three days friends I have arranged to re- peat the meeting, after which Rev. J. P. Harrington preached twice a day until Sunday, when he ad- ministered the ordinance of bap- tism at 9 o'clock, preached at 11 o'clock, and baptized two for the Son of Man on the 11th. There were eleven accessions in all, advantages for the money in all. Bro. Harrington is a young man of marked ability, and by his charming—out of the dust, noise and excitement of the city, with- out an endearment to all the freedom of large grounds, like home, pure air and water, and yet the conveniences and ad- vantages afforded in the city are had by our students. The ben- efits accruing to young ladies at College by such conditions and surroundings are inestimable—their health, their disposition, their mind, all are improved by the air, the country scenery, the free exercise, etc., of our loca- tion. They study better, they learn faster, they grow stouter in mind and body.

Write for particulars. You have time yet, as it is not safe to be traveling now—wait till the yellow fever is suppressed. At Stone College there is no ex- posure to contagious diseases, as it is in towns and cities.

L. M. STONE.

Meridian, Miss.

DEAR RECORD:—I see that your good old physician, T. E. Tate, of Ozyka, who used to bur- den your columns with stinging and acrid criticisms of his broth- ers because they didn't do to suit him, has turned up in an- other paper as a champion of "sweetness," and urges the editor not to reply to your sharp, but just and merited strictures. Ah, well, go on and hold your grip on good sense and thiright, and have no fear of what man shall say. God rules, and the truth lives and will live.

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companions, and loved ones, and friends; from the sweet fellow- ship of saints, and the church on earth; to dwell with Him and the redeemed in Heaven. As a wife and companion, she was true, and a helpmeet indeed. "She was kind to all; even the poor negro was never overlooked, nor sent from her door hungry, or without a kind word. Her home was a happy resort for every- body; especially was it pleasant for her pastor, for the writer has spent so many pleasant visits there. As a mother, oh, she was so devoted, and loving, and tender, and untiring in her efforts to promote the interest of her children, spiritually, morally, and intellectually. She loved her church and Sunday School, and never failed to give each her support and presence when it was possible for her to do so. She always encouraged every good work. She mani- fested special interest in the sick and suffering, and her hands were ever ready to administer to the comfort of all in her reach. During her long and severe ill- ness she maintained an abiding faith in the dear Redeemer, the Righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ was her only trust. To that, and that only did she look for eternal life. And her dear Savior, whom she loved and served on earth, was evidently with her in the last moments, and conveyed her to the bright mansions above, to be with Him where there will be no more sickness, sorrow, pain or separa- tion. Yes, our loss is her eternal gain. Oh, blessed thought, while we know that she cannot come to us; we will go to her. She leaves a husband, five children, a mother, father, three sisters, two brothers, and a host of friends to mourn for her. But they do not mourn as those who have no hope. Dear sister, we say good-bye until the morning of the Resurrection.

Hen Pastor.

Baptist Layman please copy.

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Mexico—Her Natural Resources

As this is a very extensive and diversified subject, I can allow myself to do little more than enumerate what may seem to me the most important points: Mexico has a population of nearly 12,000,000, and an area of 747,500 square miles—nearly as large as that part of the United States east of the Mississippi River. Though it has 6,000 miles of sea coast, there are only three or four good harbors. However, the government is spending large sums of money on her harbors. Almost the entire surface of the country is a great plateau known as the great table land of Mexico, whose elevation is from 3,000 to 8,000 feet above the sea. Upon this table land are numerous mountain ranges 12,000 feet high, while there are ten volcanoes over 10,000 feet; two of these shooting up to nearly 18,000 feet. The rivers are short and small, few of them being navigable even for a short distance. Mexico is about equally divided between the temperate and torrid zones, the temperature being governed by altitude rather than latitude. South of Matamoros and Monterey, i. e., south of the 26th degree of north latitude, are marked the rainy and dry seasons—rain from May to October, and dry from October to May. Along the coast and in the low, hot district it is usually sickly, but healthy up on the table land, this latter having an average temperature of about 60 to 70 degrees. The government of Mexico is modeled after that of the United States.

MINERAL RESOURCES.

In proportion to territory, Mexico is perhaps the richest country on earth in mineral resources. The fame of her silver mines has continued to increase since the days of the Spanish conquest in 1521, and silver mining is by far the greatest of all industries in Mexico to-day. This is, indeed, a country of mountains, and it would not be far from true to say that every one of these contains rich deposits of silver. Hundreds of mines are being worked, with immense returns. Gold may be found in a majority of the States of the Republic; yet mines are being successfully worked only in Oaxaca, Mexico, Jalisco, Guerrero and Sogora. The last two named being the richest gold States. It is estimated that Mexico's exportation of gold is increasing annually at the rate of \$2,500,000, an evidence of the growing industry of gold digging.

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AGRICULTURE AND FRUIT-RAISING IN MEXICO.

Coffee. Mexico is coming to be one of the great coffee-growing countries of the world, the crop being not only abundant, but of fine quality. Though many Americans and Europeans are growing rich here in the coffee business, Mexicans own nine-tenths of the coffee farms, and do not care to sell them, as they produce about 100 per cent annually on the original investment. It will take longer, but it is cheaper to buy virgin land and improve it. "What will land cost?" That will depend on its quality, proximity to market, size of the body purchased, and amount of wood and water it contains, etc. Some coffee lands on the railroad cost \$150 per acre, while lands equally good, unimproved and twenty-five miles from market, can be had for \$5, \$10 or \$15 per acre. I see advertised for sale near Cordova, a coffee farm of 133 acres, with 80,000 coffee trees in bearing, at \$30,000; and another farm lower down, of 700 acres and 100,000 trees, at \$35,000. A small, unimproved farm back to the railroad can be purchased for \$5,000. During the five years that you must wait for your young trees to begin to bear, you may grow good crops of corn, beans, bananas, etc., on the same ground with them; and the coffee trees will last 25 or 30 years, producing annually 100 per cent on the original investment. This important industry, like many others in Mexico, is still in its infancy. I know of only one very large farm, which is in the State of Oaxaca, and contains 200,000 trees of the old Crude India rubber tree, obtained from the sap of the tree, like maple sap. The tree grows best on low lands along the coast, and does not thrive above an elevation of 400 feet. During the seven years that you must wait on your young trees, you can grow on the same ground other valuable crops. After the trees reach seven years of age, they bring in annually a revenue of from 100 to 200 per cent.

grown here with great profit. In some places we have strawberries twelve months in the year. The silk-worm business has been thoroughly tested, and on a mulberry farm near Mexico City it has proved a happy success. In my next I wish to speak of the commerce of Mexico, exchange, etc.

J. G. CHASTAIN, Doctor Arroyo, Sept. 8, 1897.

From Africa, West Africa.

DEAR BRO. HACKETT:—In THE RECORD of April 22, the "Chronicle," in one paragraph, touches on "indications of a change in the affairs of the world." Is it not strange that Christian people seem to think and speak so little on this subject at this time? Surely there never were such indications of mighty upheavals among all peoples of all lands and all spheres of life. It is plainly evident that the mighty impulse is not without recognition even here in the very center of the most benighted of the heathen lands. There are Mohammedan priests here, and a few, who keep more or less well informed of the doings of the "Great Assasin," and fanatically boast of the bold and defiant intentions of the Turk in power to rule the world. It seems strange, too, that some of the European element that come in contact with them is not hesitated to flatter and encourage their fanatic ambitions.

Then, I have just read in a British newspaper the comparative statistics of the awful liquor trade as carried forward here by the different governments of the world. The report of the American is held up as surpassing all other governments (except on that of Germany, in this terrible business. Still, as a matter of fact, Great Britain, other European powers hold open ports and legalize the traffic by which the United States and all the rest can help flood the land with this liquid fire of death. Aid to the shadows of heathenism and the clouds of ignorance and fanatical opposition, this outrage on the very name of civilization, and it is enough to stagger missionaries, mission boards, and all the other agencies that make for peace. Yet amidst these discouraging features, it is refreshing to see that the "Dark Continent" is being penetrated from all sides and in all directions, and that the beams of light and peace of the gospel of true civilization are reaching and driving back the shadows.

It is hoped that by the end of this year the railroad will have been completed between Lagos and Abeokuta. Although our Christianizing forces seem small, we are trying to press forward along all lines. Already since the opening of the new year fifty-eight have been received into the Baptist churches of Yoruba, and others have been approved for baptism. Although we have no great crowds flocking to the gospel standard, yet I count myself an almost daily witness of the fulfillment of one of the most wonderful prophecies of revelation: "Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God." I have the privilege of preaching to hundreds of heathen every week, and not unfrequently as I am delivering the gospel message of warning and repentance for sin, large numbers of the people, especially the women, lift up wringing and rubbing hands and cry out

to God for mercy. Being told that their souls are at stake, and that the wrath of God is declared against the impious, much of the feeling expressed is, doubtless genuine; and but for the influence of cruel chiefs and masters who skulk in their compounds and in every way possible avoid hearing the gospel, many would be influenced and led into the light and obedience of the gospel.

But what of the signs of the times in the home-land? Judging from our religious papers one cannot help being anxious as to what may hastily come, not only on our freedom-loving American government, but what may fall out among the nations. While many of our people are wrangling over society organizations, and contending about fine spun "discoveries," and theological hobby horses, Rome is making haste in the West and in the East. The Crescent rages and almost defies the weak-kneed governments of the world. When Congressmen, statesmen and lords of Europe vie with each other in bending before the god of mammon, shall Christians linger with halting steps before the altar of the Lord? "How long halt ye?" Who will play the part of Judas? Let us not be too long about it. "What thou doest, do quickly."

Yours in the Cross,
W. T. LUMBLEY.

June 18, 1897.

The Bible—Winning Souls.

Some years ago a missionary and colporteur of the American Baptist Publication Society gave a little girl just nine years of age a copy of the Bible. She read it and believed in Christ as her own personal Saviour. She had an efficient, consecrated Sunday School teacher, who taught her something about soul-winning. The little girl felt impressed to do something for her Master; to lead some soul to Christ; to add some star to her crown. One day she went into the room of an elder sister, who was preparing to attend a ball. The young lady had a crown to wear, and the little girl picked it up, looked at it, scrutinized it, and finally the young lady said: "My sister, what are you doing? Put that crown down, put it down, what are you thinking about any way?"

The little girl said: "I was thinking of what my Sunday School teacher said last Sunday, that if I could lead a soul to Christ I could lead a star to my crown; and I felt how happy I would be if I could lead a soul to Christ and add just one star to my crown."

The young lady went to the ball but she did not remain long. The words, "If I could lead a soul to Christ and add just one star to my crown," rung in her ears—they were written indelibly upon her heart. She soon returned and went into the room where her little sister was sleeping, knelt down by her bed-side, and with uplifted hands to God, she prayed, "O God, I am a sinner, I am lost, I am undone," and she prayed the prayer of the Publican of old, "God be merciful to me a sinner;" and God came to her rescue just as He always does in the case of every believing and trusting heart. She was saved.

Do you tell me God had nothing to do with this case? But he did. O, let us do what we can to add stars to our crown. How better can we do it than in furnishing the perishing with God's eternal truth?

An Old Man's Experience.

Many years ago I became addicted to the excessive use of a toxicating drink. I knew it was sinful, and often set a time when I would cease to drink, and as often failed to carry out my good intentions. But at last I set a time to reform a few days hence, and I prayed earnestly to God to strengthen me; and he did so. I was able to reform easily by the help of God. Many years have elapsed since, but I have never ceased to thank God for the blessing, and have not used intoxicants since. While I depended on self I failed; but when I put my trust in God I succeeded. I write this hoping that some poor sinner, similarly situated, may find their way to an easy reformation.

P.

A Good Word From Troy.

DEAR RECORD:—Come to the Aberdeen Association if you can. THE RECORD is gaining ground in these parts. I have been preaching for one month and the Lord has been with me. I closed at Ponticola several days ago, and some have joined. I spent a week at Comer in a meeting with Bro. W. J. Derrick, commencing the third Sunday in August. I will give my views on the Last Convention sometime soon. May the Lord guide his work to his glory. Amen.

Yours in Christ,
B. R. HUGHEY.

OUR PREMIUM OFFER.

We have concluded to offer some premiums to the friends of our paper, THE BAPTIST RECORD, ought to have 2,000 renewed and additional new subscribers before the summer is ended; and we have 2,000 gifts—one for each one who will send us the amount set opposite each premium.

HERE IS OUR OFFER.

1. To all new or paid-up subscribers who will send us \$2.50 between this time and July 1, 1897, we will send one copy of THE BAPTIST RECORD for one year, and one International Pioneering Teacher's Bible, worth \$3.

2. Also to any as above described, who will send us \$2.25, we will send THE BAPTIST RECORD and "Grave History of China," worth \$1.75.

3. Also to any as above mentioned, who will send us \$2.50, we will send either one of Dr. J. T. Christian's three great books on "Immersion," "Close Communion," and "Americanism Against Romanism," or that other excellent book, "Did They Dip?" and THE RECORD, for \$2.10, all in cloth binding, or in paper covers, for \$1.60.

4. Also to any as above mentioned, who will send us \$1.75, we will send THE BAPTIST RECORD for one year, and one copy of either of Dr. Gordon's two great works, that on the "Ministry of the Spirit," or "How Christ Came to Church."

5. Also to any as above mentioned, who will send us \$2.50, we will send THE BAPTIST RECORD for one year and one copy of the Mississippi Baptist Preachers by Bro. L. S. Foster. These are all most excellent books, and are put down at a figure far below what they can be bought for in any book store. Then, we want to reach all of our friends with this generous offer and will therefore agree to duplicate any of these offers to any of our subscribers who are behind with us, if they will pay up old subscriptions to date, and then send the required amount in addition for another year.

W. C. LUTHER, District Bible Secretary American Baptist Publication Society, Atlanta, Ga.

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Letter From Hot Springs, Ark.

In my humble opinion, there is no place in the United States that is equal to this as a health resort. For a large class of diseases it, by the aid of a little medicine, is a cure, or, at least, a great relief. I have seen it a most remarkable curative for rheumatism. Some time ago, Capt. Sears, of Boston, came here unable to walk, from rheumatism. After being here a few weeks, he left in such a condition that no one, from his appearance, could know he had ever had rheumatism. Yet, not all who come here are cured. But when they are curable, and remain here sufficiently long, I think but few go off not cured, or greatly relieved. We have a Dr. Short here who, as a specialist for nose, throat, ear, and eye diseases, is hardly equaled by any man in the United States. When he fails to make short work with these diseases, I would not hope for any one else to do so. Take the Texas and Pacific R. R. at New Orleans, for Texarkana, then the Iron Mountain to Malvern, thence the Hot Springs R. R. for Hot Springs. By the way, the Texas and Pacific is one of the finest roads, and is justly the favorite route to and from Texas and Mississippi. But do not write me without inclosing return postage.

Hot Springs, I presume, has less morality, and less genuine Christianity, than any other place of its size in the South. Yet there are some of the best people living here. But as the abounding of iniquity causes the "love of many to wax cold," even the zeal of these is very much dampened. The last ten years, the former pastor of the church here tells me, it has lost ground. Being unable to arouse the church to realize the necessity of the hour, to meet the demands of so wicked a place, I have resigned here, to close the last of August.

I pray that the resignation having been made specifically on this ground, may yet be the means of arousing the church to see its need; for only thus is there hope here. I, after praying over it, decided if I could thus impress the church with its need, after exhausting all other means, if I had done no more here, my work here would not be in vain. Yet the year I have been here has seen, without any help outside, near 30 added to the church, the church worked up to its duty in that various missionary and educational calls, and the debt partly reduced. Beginning here about the same time, the Baptists have one weak church while the Methodists have five, several of which are as strong as the Baptist. The church will pay \$900 per year, and parsonage. If the Lord will, I will be glad to see Him send some one who will be the Moses to lead this church out of the wilderness. Let any one who desires to add his application to the many applicants already, write to Bro. Hugh Hale, the clerk of the church.

Permit me, without flattery, to say something of the course of THE BAPTIST RECORD. Its general make up, excellent Christian spirit, and Baptist soundness, make it the paper for Mississippi Baptists. Its Baptist courses on Whittittism, for instance, entitle it to the patronage of every Baptist in the State. I have noticed that wherever the State paper has given no uncertain Baptist sound,

Whittittism has been repudiated by every State in the South. For this all honor to these papers. Let them be substantially remembered by all our churches and pastors. The paper that endorses Whittittism, proves itself an unsafe non-Baptistic leader for our people. It is a thing can be proved, it has certainly been proven that Whittittism is practically and logically, open communionism, baptism unnecessary to church membership, Christian churches with infidel baptism, with unscriptural church membership, with unscriptural organization, etc.—a Christian church with all the errors of pseudo-Baptists. In this position, that there were Baptist churches without immersion, that it is right to join pseudo-Baptist churches, to belong to the same church with husband, Dr. Whittitt, in effect, logically holds all these errors.

Do the friends of Whittittism care so much for his infidelity that they will help him ruin the Seminary and divide Southern Baptists, rather than force him, the offense, out of the way? What ever sneer may be made to this question, as sure as anything can be sure, this is the issue before Southern Baptists to-day. The attempt of the Whittittites at the Convention to settle it by hugging and crying, reminds me of a trick that was played, without success, on the Ohio politician, Foraker. At a political convention, Foraker's opponents, knowing that he had the truth on his side, and that if he got the opportunity during the convention to present it, he would win, it is said, got up a crying and hugging arrangement to capture the convention, and thus down him. While they carried out their program, Foraker sat silent. When it was over, and all was quiet, Foraker arose and said: "You have had your time, I will now have mine;" then he laid bare their tricks and falsties, and carried the convention, to the utter shame on all such tricks and tricksters. This ought to have been done at the Southern Baptist Convention, but the Lord, in subsequent developments, is effectually doing the same thing. While the Lord thus works, let every Baptist stand with Him.

In the Martinite question in your State, I am very much interested. Bro. Martin, I believe he is a good man. I believe he has been much misrepresented. But for this misrepresentation I believe he should up to his duty in that various missionary and educational calls, and the debt partly reduced. Beginning here about the same time, the Baptists have one weak church while the Methodists have five, several of which are as strong as the Baptist. The church will pay \$900 per year, and parsonage. If the Lord will, I will be glad to see Him send some one who will be the Moses to lead this church out of the wilderness. Let any one who desires to add his application to the many applicants already, write to Bro. Hugh Hale, the clerk of the church.

has written so scholarly and loosely, and has written so much when his views were not well settled, that he, himself, has hardly known what he has held and taught. To this may be added, he has been followed by men who have written and spoken far more immaturely, loosely and erroneously than himself. Some of these men, I very much fear, have not had the honesty that Bro. Martin has. They have carried his teachings to conclusions and to divisions that I do not believe Bro. Martin ever anticipated or approved of. In my opinion, Bro. Martin would himself never have gone so far as he did, had he not been goaded on by some Texans, who love the pre-millennium. I have not had a word from Bro. Martin, directly, for several years, but, in my opinion, he is trying to get on solid denominational ground again. If so, he should come out, repudiate his past course and teaching, and as a denomination, we ought to forgive him, and give him opportunities for good, commensurate with his very unusually great powers for good in some directions. Reading the report of the late Mississippi State Convention, and being so familiar with Martinism, and the Martinite fight, I was very much impressed that observation is that the new is widening. Yale University now has a special missionary library made up of thousands of volumes. Such a library would have been an impossibility a hundred years ago. Page after page is taken up in the "Encyclopedia of Missions" with the titles of missionary books and the names of their authors. This marvelous growth may be traced in different ways.

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The Growth of Missionary Literature.

1. The material for a good missionary literature is now abundant. There is a mine of literary wealth in the life, times and labors of such men as Wm. Carey, Adoniram Judson, Alexander Duff, David Livingston, Bishop Taylor, Robert Morrison and John Livingston Nevius. The task of shaping this material into good literary form has inspired the genius of such men as Dr. Arthur T. Pierson and Dr. George Smith, LL. D., to say nothing of scores of other able writers.

2. The style of modern missionary writing is very much improved. The Missionary Review of the World demands a high grade literary style for all leading articles admitted to its pages. Mere annals, dull and lifeless, are not tolerated. A good missionary book is a living soul shining through a beautiful face. Such a work is Dr. Pierson's "Divine Enterprise of Missions."

3. Some of the old missionary books remind one of old tombstones and neglected graveyards. Page after page of solid printed matter with hardly a paragraph to break the monotony. Not so in many recent missionary papers and books. The printer's art, the engraver's art, the map-maker's art, the book-maker's art, the literateur's art, all combine to make an up-to-date missionary book.

4. Another indication of growth is seen in the fact that the subjects treated now are specific, not so general as formerly. Dr. B. C. Henry, a missionary to China, does not write of the whole Celestial Empire, but of specific work in and around Canton. Dr. J. L. Nevius writes of specific work in the Shantung Province. Dr. John G. Paton gives special attention to the New Hebrides.

5. As a result of these many improvements in missionary literature Christian people are reading missionary periodicals and books with a pleasing and growing interest. The time has been when it was fashionable to know but little about missions. But times are changed. The Cross-Bearer's Missionary Reading Circle, a three years' course of systematic reading and study on missions in all lands, was inaugurated six years ago as an educational movement among our thousands of Christians who remain in the home land. The literature of the C. M. R. C. for 1896-7 is as follows: The Life of John Williams, The Life of Dr. J. L. Nevius, Medical Missions, The Life of Alexander Duff, and the Missionary Review of the World. All this literature is of the very best. For further information inclose six cents in stamps to Rev. Marcus L. Gray, President C. M. R. C., St. Louis, Mo.

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